Chebeague Pre-K- K News – October 15, 2010

The children continue to be intrigued with Columbus. They sailed their boats “around the world” and were somewhat disappointed when the Columbus game was replaced with a tally marks matching game.

We have started talking about fire safety in preparation for fire fighter and Engine 4’s visit next week Wednesday. We will be talking about the importance of family meeting spots. It is a good idea to physically practice going to the meeting spot so that in the event of a fire it will be an automatic response.

On Thursday morning Bob Earnest facilitated us harvesting beets from the school garden. On Friday Miss Sally helped us make our Halloween Boo cards.

Practical Life/Art
- Squeezing – Peach seed transfer -tongs
- Squeezing -sticks into cheese shaker
- Pouring - orange rice
- Spooning/matching - pumpkin shapes out of orange rice

Language
- Syllable sorting - we approached syllables as the rhythm of the word. Have your child add a finger on their chin with each syllable spoken of family member names or of any chosen words. Extra fun with big words!
- Letter sound boxes have been swapped to afp and crb and middle vowel sorts swapped to short i and short e.
- Five Little Pumpkins rhyme retelling
- Handwriting letters this week were Q, G, and S. On Wednesday the K’s reviewed some big line letters M,E,N,P,U,L,R, B,M.
- Sorting/matching half to whole fruit image cards

Sensorial
- Sorting by attributes

Geography
- Continent of North America

Math
- Tally mark matching
- Coin flip tally with tally marks

Science
- Parts of a Tree puzzle
- 3 part matching- parts of a tree
- Book making - parts of a tree
- Our nature classroom feely box item was a pinecone. We continue to work on describing words without saying the name of the object (ie. shape is like a ….., points or no points, rough/smooth, hard/soft). We did our nature observation drawings in a mossy spot and their up-close drawings show their growing powers of observation.

Music
- For our music circle we used bean bags for tempo work (fast/slow) with Pass the Bean Bag song and then did the Beanie Bag dance song and Five Little Pumpkins.

Peace
- Our peace circle story was Making Friends by Fred Rogers. We have been listening to some of his songs and have learned how to say “I love you” in sign language.

Calendar updates
October 19: Picture Day
October 20: Fire safety presentation
October 22: Afternoon presentation on Animal Adaptation by Chewonki
October 24: United Nations Day
October 29: Walk to school Costume Parade
October 29: Trip to the Island Commons
December 7: Holiday concert - evening
K popcorn word this week: “the” from Robert Louis Stevenson’s poem *Autumn Fires*

Explorers sailing their hand crafted boats around the world (Egg carton sections, playdough, toothpicks, and cloth).

Journaling and working with the moveable alphabet

These are long but I can reach both ends...

Yoga pose: upside down gorilla

Cooperative effort to grade number rods and red rods longest to shortest/shortest to longest

*Thank you for sharing your children*

*Miss Nancy*